

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6525

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection, January 26, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to correcting references in RCW 50.29.021(2)(c)(i), (c)(ii), and (3)(e), RCW 50.29.062(2)(b)(i)(B) and (2)(b)(iii), and RCW 50.29.063(1)(b) and (2)(a)(ii) to unemployment insurance statutes concerning employer experience rating accounts and contribution rates.

**Brief Description:** Correcting references in RCW 50.29.021(2)(c)(i), (c)(ii), and (3)(e), RCW 50.29.062(2)(b)(i)(B) and (2)(b)(iii), and RCW 50.29.063(1)(b) and (2)(a)(ii) to unemployment insurance statutes concerning employer experience rating accounts and contribution rates.

**Sponsors:** Senators Kohl-Welles, Kastama, Honeyford, Keiser, Hewitt, Kline, Regala, Franklin and McDermott; by request of Employment Security Department.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection: 1/21/10, 1/26/10 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6525 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Keiser, Vice Chair; Holmquist, Ranking Minority Member; Franklin, Honeyford, King and Kline.

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

**Background:** In 2009 the Legislature amended multiple unemployment insurance statutes, including the voluntary quits statute and the statute providing for the calculation of employer contribution rates.

With regards to voluntary quits, the 2009 legislation did not correct references to voluntary quits in a separate statute that lists circumstances when the experience rating of the employer is charged or not charged for the separation.

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With regards to the calculation of employer contribution rates, the 2009 legislation did not correct references to the amended statute in a separate statute that provides for the calculation of predecessor and successor contribution rates.

**Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute):** References are corrected.

**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY LABOR, COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute):** The substitute makes a technical correction.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill:** PRO: There is a technical amendment that needs to be made in the bill. The underlying bill corrects an inadvertent error in pointing that was made in 2009 when the same statute was amended twice.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Joel Sacks, Neil Gorrell, Employment Security Department.